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In re Application of: Doucas and Evans

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For: METHOD FOR THE IDENTIFICATION
AND USE OF SUBSTANCES THAT
MODULATE POD FUNCTION AND/OR
STRUCTURE (As amended)

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being sent via Federal Express for next business day delivery to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, c/o Examiner John S. Brusca, 1911 S. Clark St., 7th Floor Reception, Arlington, VA 22202

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PETITION TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a)

STATEMENT OF DIDIER P. TRONO

Sir:

I, Didier P. Trono, declare as follows:

I am an inventor of Patent Application Serial No. 08/975,272 filed November 21, 1997 ("the application"). I was erroneously not included as an inventor when the application was filed. This error in inventorship occurred without deceptive intent on my part.

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this patent.

Sept 4 2001
Date


Didier P. Trono

Summary of selected correspondence between Applicants' representatives and Vassilis Doucas

August 31, 2001 - **Initial request** (facsimile to University of Geneva) for new declaration to support change of inventorship.

September 5, 2001 - **Second request** (e-mail)

September 10, 2001 - Response from Dr. Doucas (excerpt of e-mail)

"Inventors in this patent have been established through many many official documents. . . You are asking me now to add another inventor, 6 years later!? Why?!"

September 26, 2001 - **Third request** (facsimile and mail)

October 4, 2001 - Telephone conference with Dr. Doucas (excerpt of memo to file)

"At this point, it is highly unlikely that he would agree to a correction of inventorship. . . He feels that inventorship has been established on several occasions . . ."

October 6, 2001 - E-mail from Dr. Doucas to Dr. Evans (second inventor)

"You certainly know that there is no reason to add Trono or any other person in this patent."

October 15, 2001 - Response from Dr. Doucas (excerpt of e-mail)

". . . invention was established by myself . . . Trono is for nothing in that invention!"